I am opposed to allowing automatic upgrades for novice class licenses. I cant understand why a novice operator who has been licensed for 20 yrs cant walk in and take a written tech exam with his or her eyes closed. We have 7 and 8 yr old kids who pass these tests every week. We keep wanting to lower the standards on every level I am sure it wont be long before the code portion is eliminated. I dont really have a problem with the advanced ticket holders upgrading to extra but I guess they are just as capable of taking a test. What has happened to the idea that this is also an educational proscess? This isnt just a free ticket to use the frequencies. I just dont feel the tests are all that hard and if you want the license do some studying like everyone else and stop playing the victim.